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SUBJ: FURTHER TURKISH PUBLIC COMMENT ON CARAMANLIS PROPOSAL

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1. APRIL 20 MILLIYET REPORTED FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL DENIED AS "UNFOUNDED" PRESS REPORTS (REFTEL) THAT TURKEY HAD AGREED BEFOREHAND TO GREEK PRIMIN CARMANLIS' PROPOSAL FOR A NON-AGGRESSION PACT OR THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS A "KISSINGER PLAN." HOWEVER, THE U.S.-GREECE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) AND THE CARAMANLIS OFFER CONTINUE TO EXCITE
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SPECULATION:

A. MILLIYET, IN THE SAME ARTICLE NOTED ABOVE, REPORTED THAT WHILE A NON-AGRESSION PACT WAS VIEWED AS "AGAINST THE NATURE" OF AN ALLIANCE, THE GOT FAVORED INITIATION OF TALKS WITH GREECE IN ORDER TO REDUCE TENSIONS. THE PAPER CITED "OFFICIAL SOURCES" WHO REPORTED THAT GREEK FONMIN BITSIOS AND CAGLAYANGIL MIGHT MEET IN OSLO AT THE END OF MAY. MILLIYET'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT REPORTED THAT THE GREEK LOBBY WAS ENDEAVORING TO DEFEAT BOTH THE US-TURKISH AND THE US-GREEK DCS'S. THE ARTICLE ALSO CITED AN UNNAMED US OFFICIAL WHO PREDICTED THAT THE GREEK LOBBY WOULD BE SPLIT OVER THE ISSUE.

B. APRIL 20 GUNAYDIN CARRIED AN ANKA NEWS AGENCY REPORT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS URGED BOTH THE GREEK AND TURKISH FONMINS TO AGREE TO A NON-AGRESSION PACT IN ORDER TO "FACILITATE THE RATIFICATION" OF THE DCA'S BY THE US CONGRESS. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT "TURKISH POLITICAL QUARTERS" WERE OPPOSED TO A PACT BECAUSE THE "GUARANTEES" GIVEN TO GREECE BY THE US WOULD PREVENT TURKEY FROM OBTAINING ITS RIGHTS IN THE AEGEAN.

C. CUMHURIYET LINED CARAMANLIS' NON-AGRESSION PACT OFFER TO GREEK PLANS TO INCREASE ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS TO 12 MILES IN THE AEGEAN AND THUS DEPRIVE TURKEY OF THE ABILITY TO RESPOND MILITARILY.

2. EDITORIAL REACTION CONTINUED MIXED:

A. CUMHURIYET OPINED THAT IF CARAMANLIS' CALL "IS SINCERE, EVERYONE WILL WELCOME IT AS AN APPROPRIATE AND REALISTIC PROPSOAL." THE EDITORIAL STATED THAT "BOTH SIDES HAVE MADE MISTAKES IN THE PAST," BUT IN THE INTEREST OF ENDING THE ARMAMENTS RACE AND AVERTING A WAR, EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT.

B. GUNAYDIN WAS MORE SKEPTICAL, OBSERVING THAT ALTHOUGH THE NON-AGRESSION PACT OFFER HAD LOOSED A "BIRD OF PEACE" AND WAS "A START TOWARDS THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ARMS MUST NOT BE RESORTED TO FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

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BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES," IT "WOULD BE DIFFICULT" FOR THE "BIRD OF PEACE TO FLY ANYWHERE" UNLESS CARAMANLIS ATTEMPTED TO CONVINCE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO ABANDON TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AND ACCEPT A BIZONAL FEDERATION, AND UNLESS GREECE RENOUNCED THE POSSIBILITY OF CLAIMING QWAMILE TERRITORIAL SEA LIMITS AND OPENED THE AEGEAN FIR ROUTES.

3. THE TINY TURKISH UNITY PARTY'S (TUP) SEC GEN GURTAN

ANNOUNCED APRIL QO PROVISIONAL TUP OPPOSITION TO THE PACT
PROPOSAL: "IT IS NOT A PRUDENT ATTITUDE FOR THE GOVERNMENT
TO SAY 'WE ARE READY' TO ACCEPT THE NON-AGRESSION PACT
FORMULA PROPOSED BY CARAMANLIS AS THE RESULT OF THE TACIT
GUARANTEES RECEIVED BY GREECE FROM THE US BEFORE CAL-
CULATING THE CONSEQUENCES AND WITHOUT FINDING IT NECESSARY
TO CONSULT THE OPPOSITION." (COMMENT: THE MAIN OPPOSITION
REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (.400) HAS NOT YET TAKEN A PUBLIC
POSITION ON THE NON-AGGRESSION PACT; HOWEVER, THE TUP
IN THE PAST HAS REFLECTED THE RPP VIEWPOINT.)
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